

### IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A device for cleaning the hull outside (3) of a boat (2) consisting of a longish float (5) with a stick (11) fixed at one end of the float (5), whereby at least one cleaning means (7) provided with a brush (25) is placed preferably replaceable on a flat side (8) of the float (5), wherein the brush (25) has respectively a base or such a retaining body (29) from which bristles (31) fixed on the body (29) extend partially inclined by forming an angle ( $\beta$ ) with the surface (30) of the body (29), ~~characterized in that~~ wherein, the bristles (31) extend under an angle ( $\beta$ ) between approximately  $100^{\circ}$  and  $145^{\circ}$ , preferably to the surface (30) of the body (29), wherein an angle ( $\beta$ ) between approximately  $110^{\circ}$  and approximately  $135^{\circ}$ , wherein the bristles (31) have different angles ( $\beta$ ), in particular are partially vertical and partially oblique to the body, wherein the oblique bristles (31) are assembled in transverse direction to rows which have different angles ( $\beta$ ) such that a roof-type contour with a projecting edge is configured in scrubbing direction, wherein the bristles (31) have different lengths, wherein the length of the bristles (31) increases or is reduced in the direction of extension (E) of the front side of the surface (30) of the body (29), and wherein the free ends of the bristles (31) of the

brushes (25) form a generating curve (32) which has at least three corners (43), wherein the cross section of the generating curve (32) forms an irregular pentagon.

2. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, ~~characterized by~~ comprising a length of the bristles (31) of approximately 10 mm to approximately 70 mm.

3. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 2,~~ characterized in that claim 1, wherein the bristles (31) have a diameter of approximately 0,2 mm to approximately 0,5 mm.

4. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 3,~~ characterized in that claim 1, wherein the bristles (31) are wired with the body (29).

5. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 4,~~ characterized in that claim 1, wherein two brushes (25) or more are provided spaced from each other.

6. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 5,~~ characterized in that claim 1, wherein at least two brushes (25) are configured with a different size.

7. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 6,~~ characterized in that claim 1, wherein a base plate (10) provided with a connecting element (12) is placed on the flat side (8) of the float (5) opposite to the cleaning means (7).

8. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the brushes can be screwed with the cleaning means (7) or the base plate (10).

9. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~claim 7 or 8,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 7, wherein the handle (11) is fixed on the base plate (10) by being offset to the float (5).

10. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the offset between the base plate (10) and the handle (11) is of  $5^{\circ}$  to  $10^{\circ}$ , preferably of  $7^{\circ}$ .

11. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 10,~~ characterized in that claim 1, wherein the base (29) has a shape with a cuneiform cross section, whereby the surface out of which the bristles (31) come is placed inclined with an angle ( $\alpha$ ) between approximately  $2,5^{\circ}$  and approximately  $30^{\circ}$ , preferably  $5^{\circ}$  and  $15^{\circ}$ .

12. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the base (29) has a triangular cross section.

13. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the base (2) has a trapezoid cross section.

14. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the float (5) and the handle (11) are swivellable against each other over the connecting element (12) and the connecting element (12) is configured as a hinge joint (14).

15. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the hinge joint (14) is a ball-and-socket joint.

16. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a joint ball is configured at the hinge sided end of the stick (11), ball which can be inserted in a bearing shell configured on the base plate (10).

17. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 16, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the hinge joint (14) has two articulated axles (15) placed at a right angle to each other.

18. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the hinge joint (14) is configured as an universal joint.

19. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 18,~~ claim 1, wherein the float (5) is divided into areas with a different buoyancy over its length, preferably by reduction or increase in size of the pore volume and/or different chamber configuration.

20. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 19,~~ claim 1, wherein a peripheral bead (18) made of the material of the float (5) is configured on the flat side (8) of the float (5) provided with the base plate (10).

21. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~any of the claims 1 to 20,~~ claim 1, wherein at least one body (19) fillable with a gas, in particular with air, is embedded into the material of the float (5).

22. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 21, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the body (19) fillable with gas is configured as an inflatable hose.

23. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~claim 21 or 22,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 21, wherein the body (19) fillable with gas is placed in the area of the peripheral bead (18).

24. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~any of the claims 21 to 23,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 21, wherein the body (19) fillable with gas can be charged with the gas over an admission and discharge valve (21) placed on the handle (11), in particular on the handle part (11a) of the handle (11).

25. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 24, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the body (19) fillable with gas can be manually inflated by the admission and discharge valve (21).

26. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~at least one of the claims 1 to 25,~~ ~~characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the handle (11) has at least one lockable hinge (16).

27. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~at least one of the claims 1 to 26, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the handle (11) is slidable and extendable in the manner of a telescope.

28. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~at least one of the claims 1 to 27, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein the handle (11) is made of metal, preferably of aluminium.

29. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~at least one of the claims 1 to 28, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein at least one tongues (5' and 5") forming slit (9) is formed in the float (5) parallel to the flat sides (8) from the front free end.

30. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 29, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein guiding elements (22) are placed on the surfaces of the tongues (5' and 5") turned to each other.

31. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 30, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one groove (23) is configured in one of the tongues (5', 5'') and at least one vault (24) engaging into the groove (23) is configured on the respectively other tongue (5', 5'') for forming the guiding elements (22).

32. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 31, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one vault (24) is formed of the material of the respective tongue (5', 5'').

33. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 31, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one vault (24) is made of a material inserted in the respective tongue (5', 5''), preferably of rubber.

34. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~at least one of the claims 1 to 33,~~ claim 1, wherein the front end of the float (5) and of the cleaning means (7) are configured rounded.



35. (Currently Amended) Device according to ~~at least one of the claims 1 to 34, characterized in that~~ claim 1, wherein a sliding part (27) can be put onto the front end of the float (5) for the adaptation to sharp contour transitions.

36. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 35, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sliding part (27) has the shape of an asymmetrical triangle and is lockable in different positions on the float (5).